

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 232

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A RESOLUTION recognizing the Montgomery County Adult Drug Court on the occasion of its tenth anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing Tennessee's judicial organizations and associations as they celebrate momentous occasions; and

WHEREAS, the Montgomery County Adult Drug Court is one such august organization, which is celebrating its tenth anniversary in 2015; and

WHEREAS, located in the 19th Judicial District, the Montgomery County Adult Drug Court operates under the authority of the General Sessions Court of Clarksville and is under the astute leadership and guidance of the Honorable L. Raymond Grimes; and

WHEREAS, the Montgomery County Adult Drug Court is designed to last twelve to eighteen months and provides drug court treatment services to as many as thirty to thirty-five offenders at any given time; and

WHEREAS, participants in the Drug Court are required to complete four phases: treatment, abstinence and ongoing recovery, relapse prevention, and self-awareness and recovery support; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, the Montgomery County Adult Drug Court has had more than 200 individuals referred to the program, of whom 151 were accepted as participants. The Drug Court program boasts a graduation rate of thirty-nine percent, with forty-seven of the 151 participants completing all four phases of the program; and

WHEREAS, the Montgomery County Adult Drug Court's participants have made a number of significant accomplishments over the past ten years, including maintaining sobriety, remaining arrest-free, obtaining and maintaining gainful employment, bearing drug-free babies,

making court-ordered child support payments, performing countless hours of community service, securing stable housing, completing GEDs, returning to school, and entering college; and

WHEREAS, a beacon of excellence, the Montgomery County Adult Drug Court was invited by the Tennessee Certified Drug Court Program to apply for certification in November 2008, and it received its certification in September 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Drug Court team consists of Judge Grimes, assistant district attorney Robert Koewler, assistant public defender Fred Love, director Sherry Robertson, coordinator Cynthia Richards, probation officer James Herriman, deputy clerk Denise Williams, treatment provider Deborah Clark, evaluator Pete Stoddard, police officer Lieutenant Liane Wilson of the Clarksville Police Department, and Drug Court alumna Stacey Frazier; and

WHEREAS, for ten years, the members of the Montgomery County Adult Drug Court have provided therapeutic justice in their jurisdiction, and it is wholly fitting that they be recognized by the members of this General Assembly for their many contributions as they celebrate the Drug Court's tenth anniversary; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize the members of the Montgomery County Adult Drug Court on the occasion of its tenth anniversary, applaud their many contributions to and unwavering support of the participants in the program, and extend our best wishes for the Drug Court's continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.